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Art Heitlauf, CEO Careage 4411 Pt. Fosdick Drive Suite 203 Gig Harbor WA 98335

Dear Mr. Heitlauf:

Thank you for your July 11, 2007, letter to Secretary Mary Selecky regarding the proposed rule change to the Certificate of Need definition of established bed ratio for nursing homes, filed as WSR 07-07-072.

We appreciate your comments and have placed your letter in the rulemaking file. All comments regarding the CR 101 will be considered. Additional comments will be addressed in the concise explanatory statement following the public hearing and comment period.

Thank you again for your comments. If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 236-2928 or <u>Yvette.fox@doh.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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